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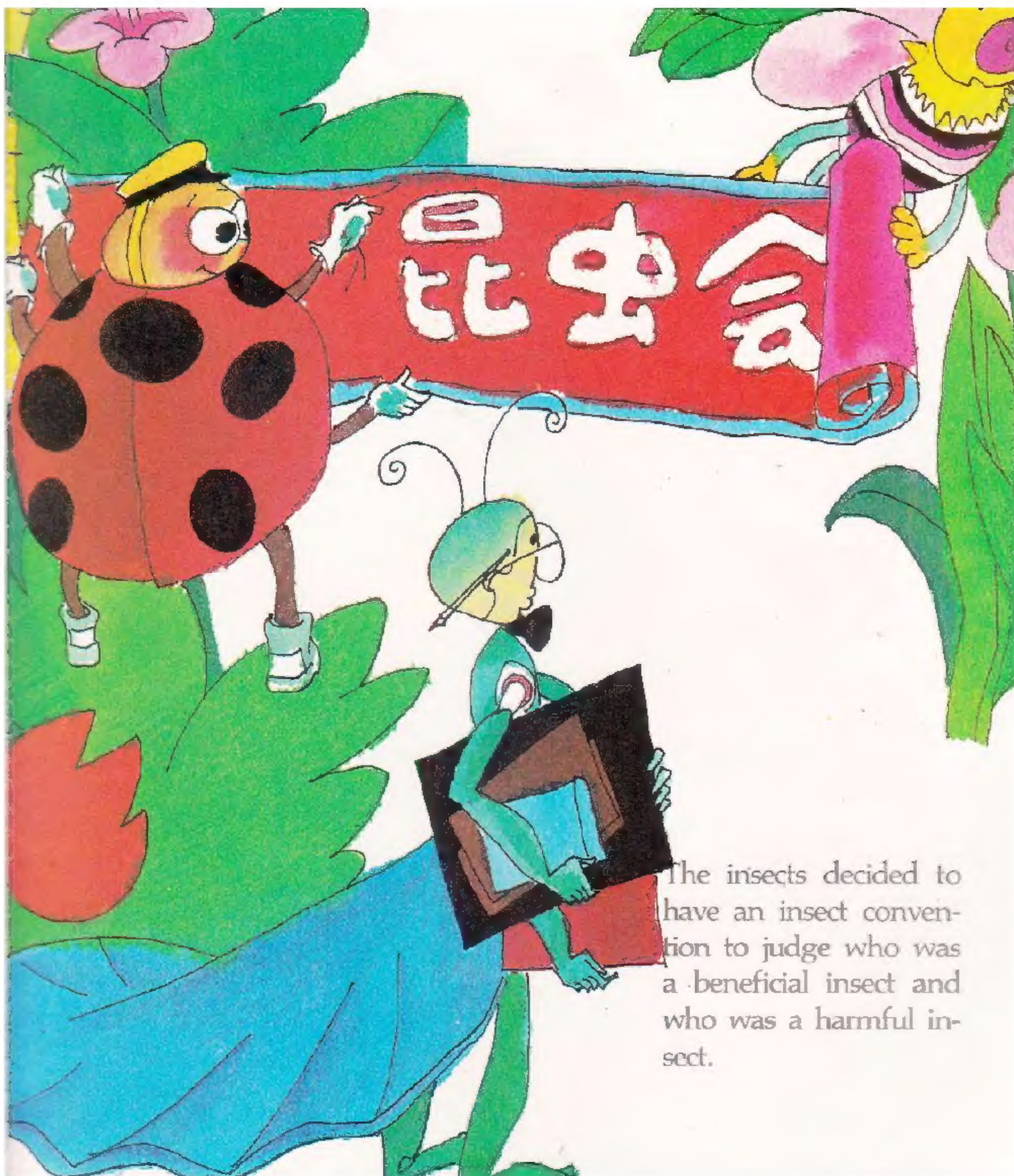
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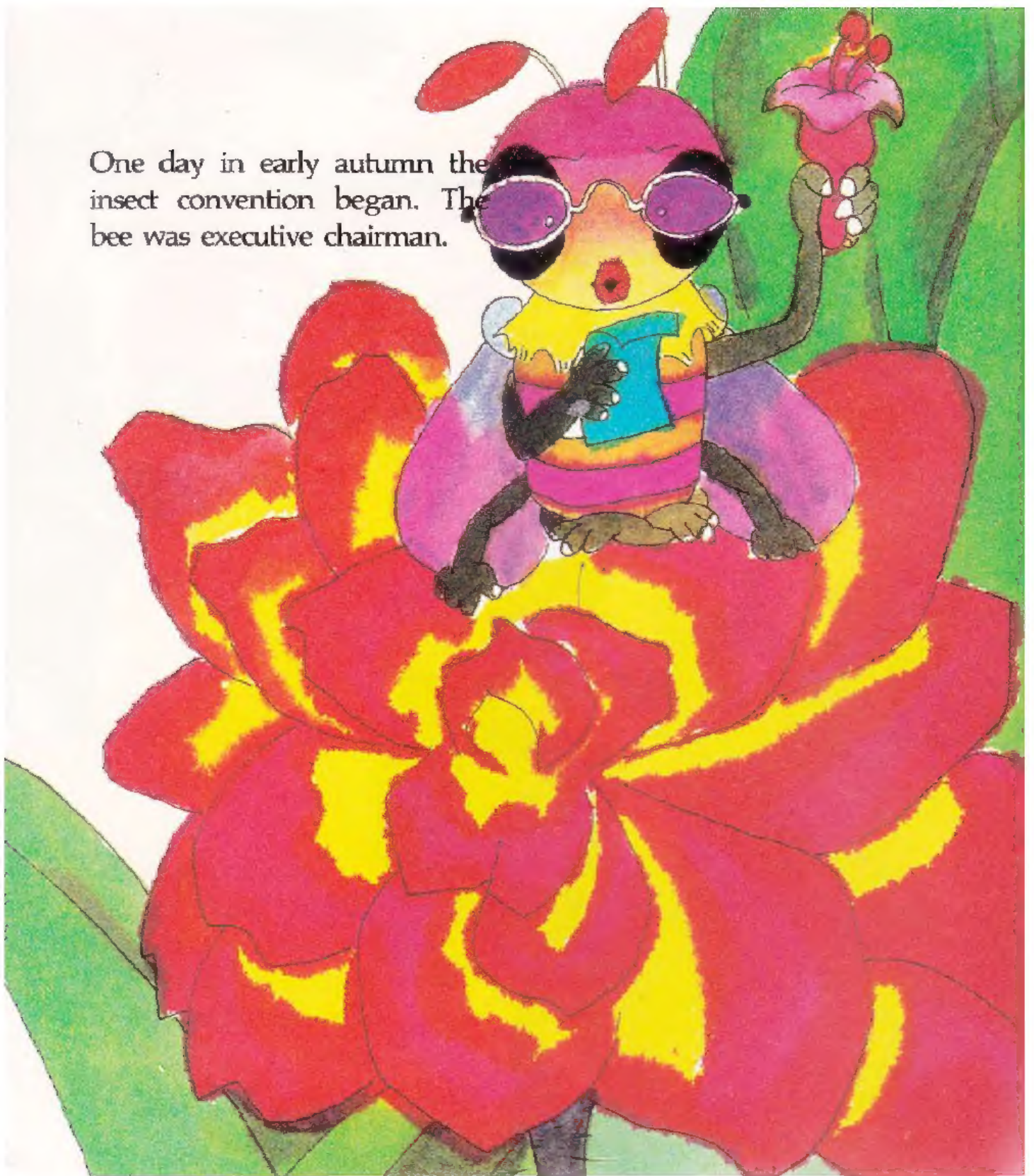
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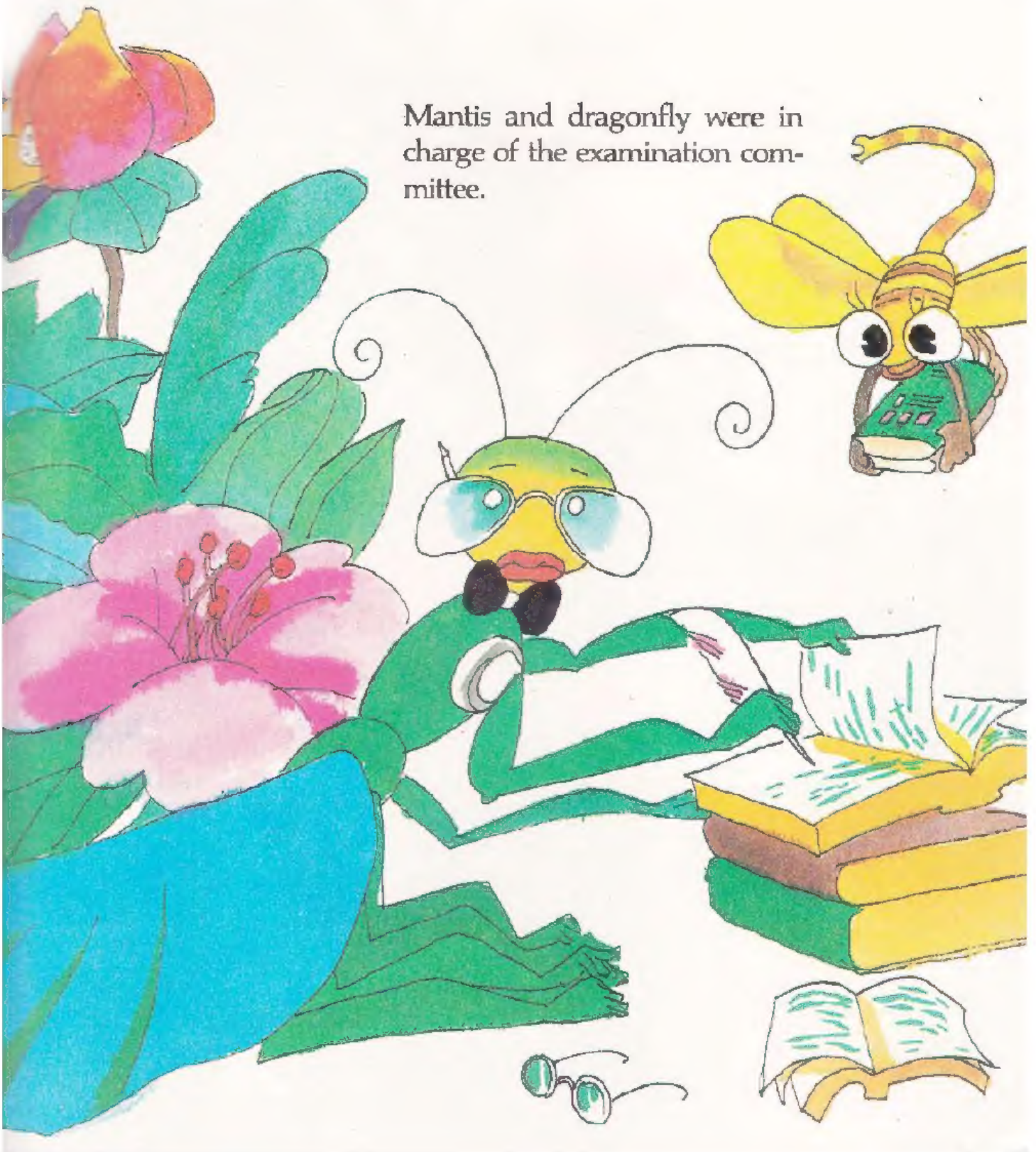


The insects decided to have an insect convention to judge who was a beneficial insect and who was a harmful insect.

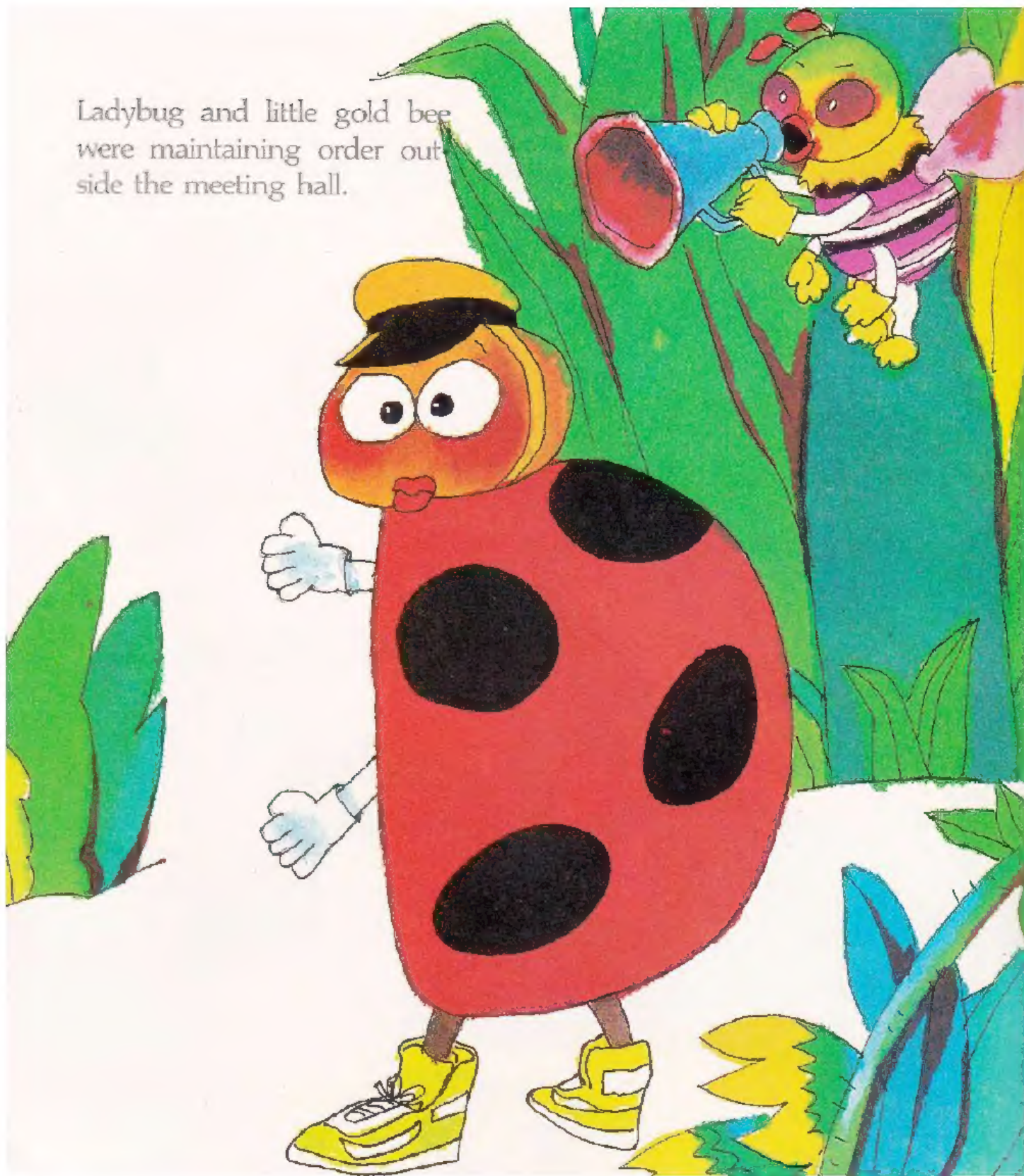
One day in early autumn the
insect convention began. The
bee was executive chairman.




Mantis and dragonfly were in
charge of the examination com-
mittee.



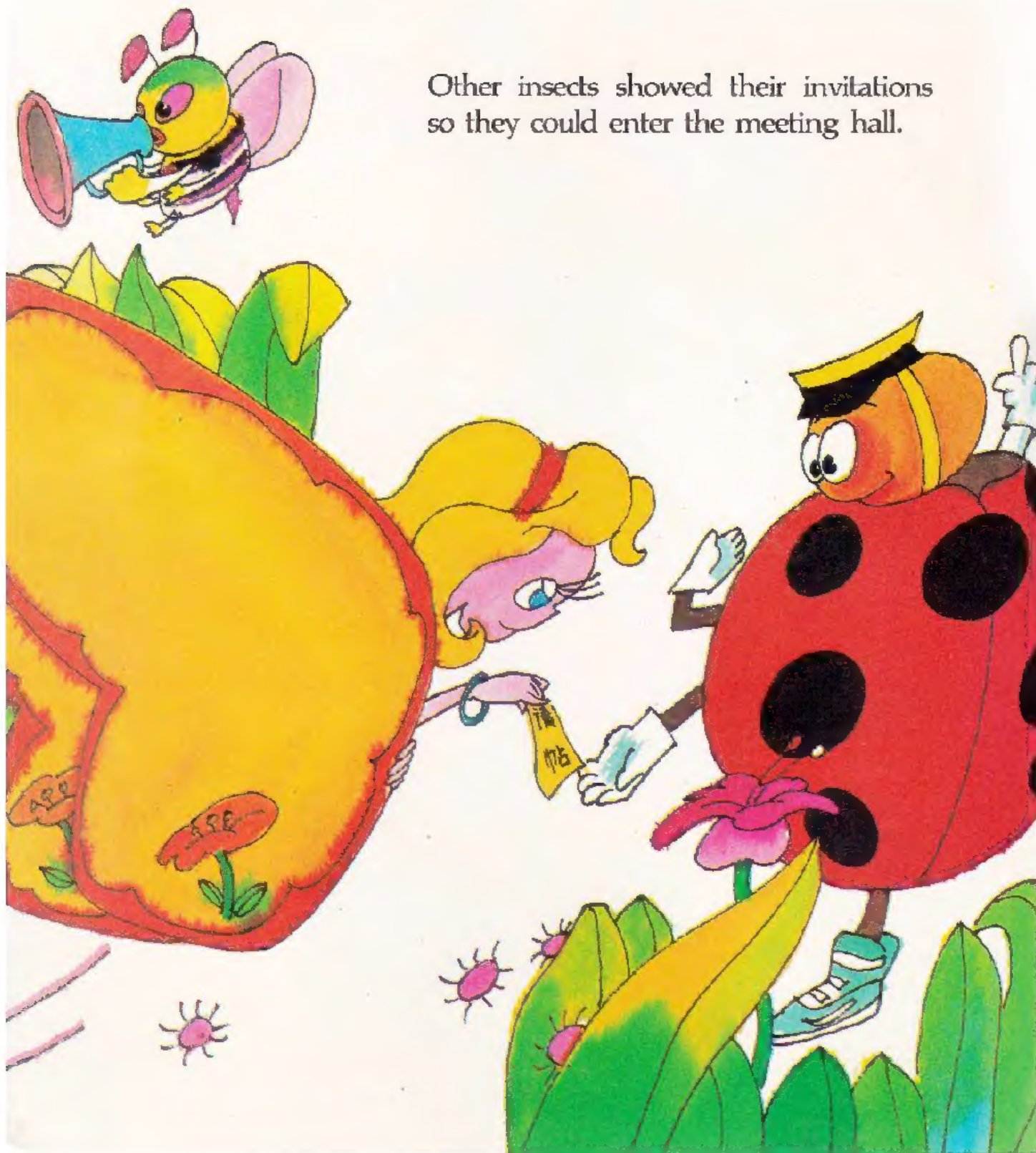
Ladybug and little gold bee
were maintaining order out-
side the meeting hall.





Some insects were rubbing their wings together to make a happy, rhythmic song. This was the convention's marching song.

Other insects showed their invitations
so they could enter the meeting hall.



Spider hurried to the meeting
shouting: "Sorry, I'm late."

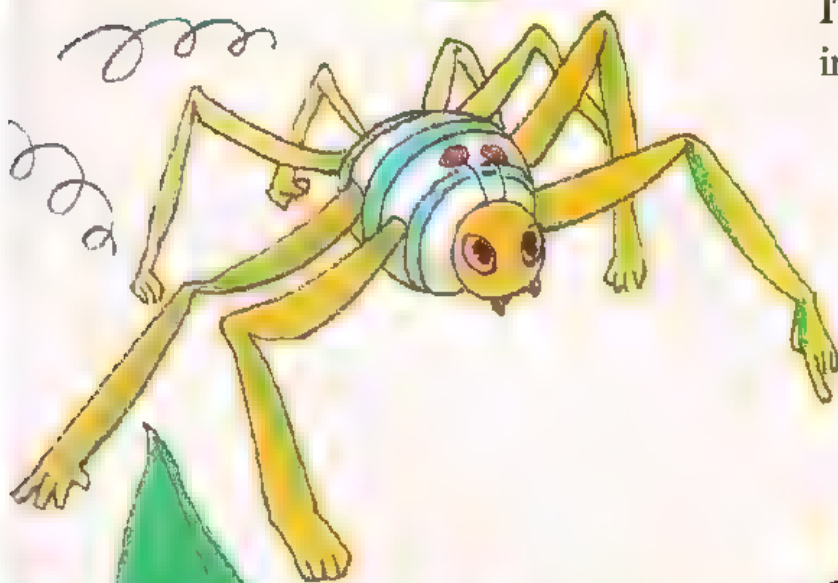


Ladybug and little gold bee
stopped the spider: "You
can't join the meeting ~~with~~
out an invitation."





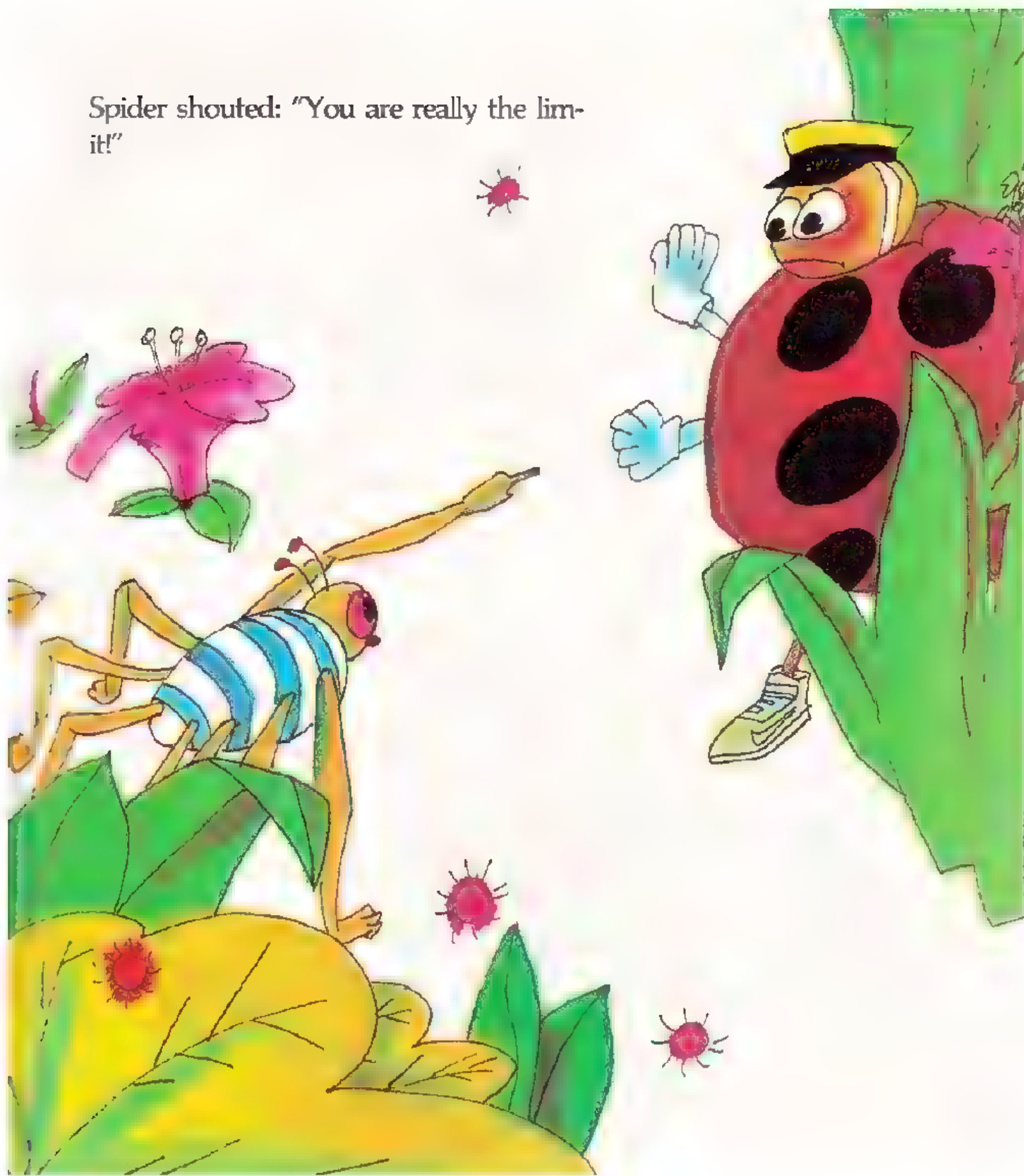
Spider became angry: "You're all wrong. Everyone knows I'm the best at eating harmful insects!"



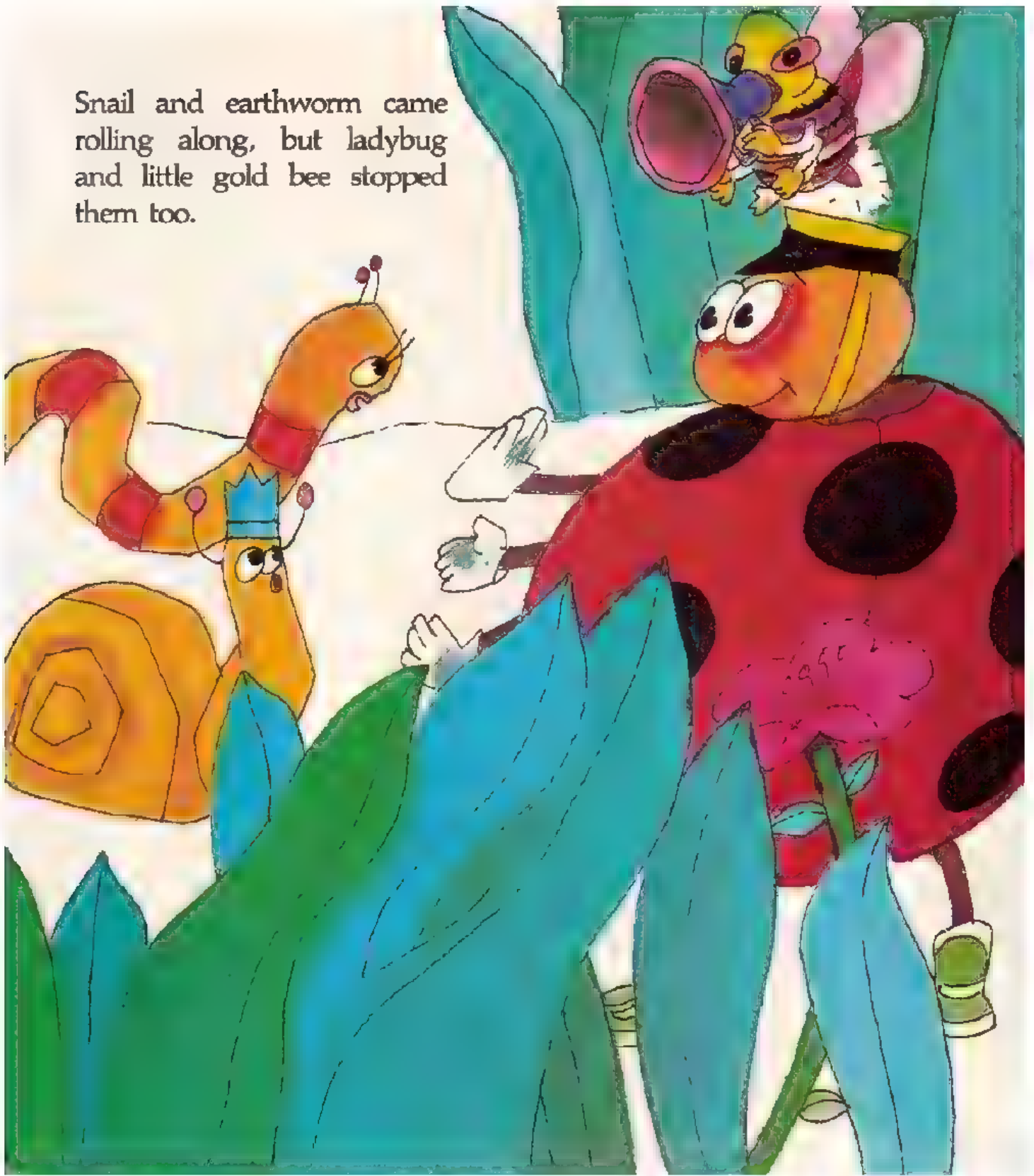


"Admission by invitation only," ladybug still refused to let spider enter.

Spider shouted: "You are really the limit!"



Snail and earthworm came rolling along, but ladybug and little gold bee stopped them too.

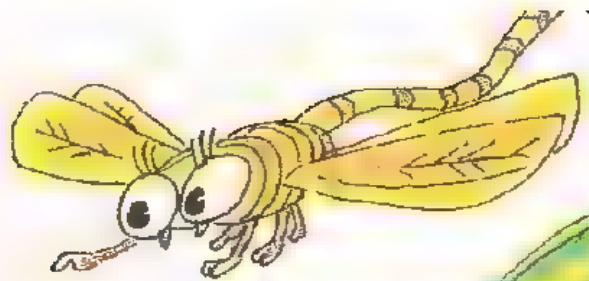




Spider became even angrier: "Let's ask the examination committee!"



"Why didn't I get an invitation?
Why I am not insect?" spider fired
a hundred questions at mantis and
dragonfly.



Mantis patiently explained:
"The International Insect
Committee has set up a
standard. Insects have three
pairs of jointed legs. But
you have four pairs of joint-
ed legs. You are an arthro-
pod not an insect."






"But, aren't we insects?"
snail and earthworm eagerly
asked.



Mantis answered: "Snail, you are a mollusc and earthworm you are an annelid."



After hearing that, spider, earthworm and snail became silent and then went away sulking. The brouhaha was over and the insect convention began.

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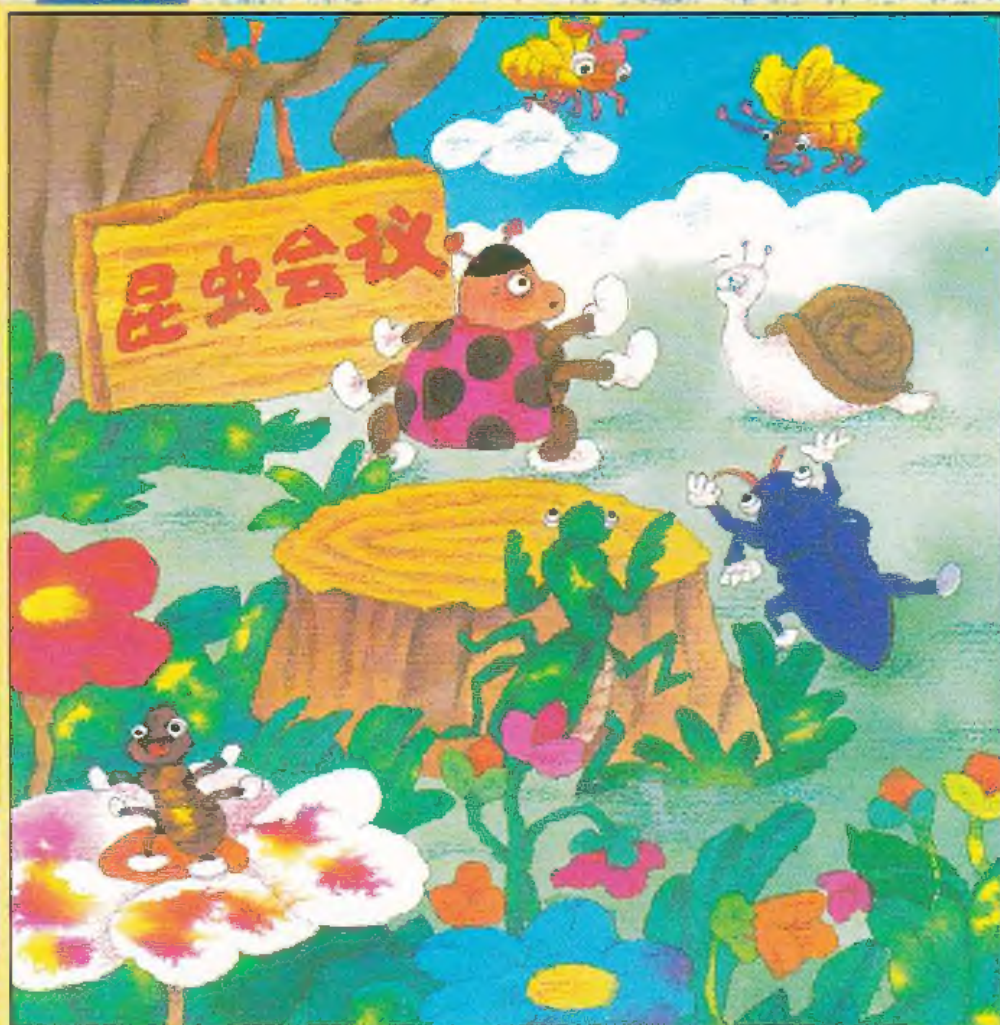
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